(b) to (e) The information in this regard is very extensive and the lime and effort required to compile it will not be com-mer surate with the results likely to be achieved.

Production of Dexamethasone and its silts

1649. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dexame thasone and its salts are being produced in the country;

(b) if so, what are the names of producers and what was tha production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the import price of bulk drug is much less than the foreign exchange spent in I he production of drug;

(d) if so, what is the current GIF Value per gram of Dexamethasone and its salts and what is the value of foreign exchange Evolved in the production of each gram; and

te) when and what was the price fixed for nidigenous production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FER-TILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the organised sector, Dexametha sone is being produced by M/s. Merind and M/s. Cadila Labs, and the production during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 was 2?8 Kgs., 343 Kgs., and 472 Kgs *us*-pectively.

(c) and (d) The information will be collected and laid on the Taible of the Rajya Sabha.

(e) The price fixed for Dexamethasone pure is Rs. 92 per gram and for Dexa-methasone Sodium, Rs. 97 per gram w.e.f. 10-11-1989 for the indigenous production.

Findings of the Kelkar Commites

1650. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of omissions and commissions were world in the findings of the Kelkar Com-nittee;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such missions and commissions have been dentified so far; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have been taken to fix such responsibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FER-TILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) A large number of representa-ions for inclusion/exclusiou of drugs from price control have been received mostly from Members of Parliament after the announcement of list of price controlled drugs based on Government decisions on the Kelkar Committee recommendations. These are under examination of the Government.

Prices of five bulk drugs of M/s. Hoechst

1651. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: CHODWHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the prices of five bulk drugs of M/s. Hoechst as fixed by Government under DPCO, 1979 and what were the prices charged for these drugs by virtue of High Court Stay;

(b) whether it is a fact that recoverable amount of over Rs. 100 crores was reduced to merely Rupees three crores;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to investigate the matter; and

(A) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor